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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN, SN

SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON MTN; US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. STATE 204845; B. STATE 205094

1. MFA DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DIVISION LEE CHIONG GIAM TELLS US GOS WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY FOR SIDE TALKS ON MTN DURING US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF TRADE ANTHONY CHNG CHYE TONG WOULD BE GOS REP FOR SIDE TALKS.

2. LEE ALSO PROVIDED NAMES OF GOS DELEGATION TO US-ASEAN TALKS. FOUR MEMBERS ARE:

- GOH CHOK TONG, SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE

MINISTRY OF FINANCE (LEADER).

- TAN BOON SENG, DIRECTOR, POLITICAL DIVISION,

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

- ANTHONY CHNG CHYE TONG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE.

- TAN BOEN ENG, SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

3. GOH CHOK TONG'S APPOINTMENT AS SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE ANNOUNCED IN PRESS ONLY THIS MORNING (AUGUST 30). GOH WAS ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT LAST DECEMBER AND HAS BEEN

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF STATE-OWNED (AND HIGHLY PROFITABLE) NEPTUNE ORIENT LINES SINCE 1973. HIS NEW RANK IS JUST BELOW CABINET LEVEL. GOH GRADUATED FROM SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY WITH FIRST-CLASS HONORS IN 1964, OBTAINED MA FROM WILLIAMS COLLEGE TWO YEARS LATER AND THEN SERVED IN FINANCE MINISTRY AS DEPUTY SECRETARY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION BEFORE JOINING NOL IN 1969.

4. WE INFORMED LEE CHIONG GIAM THAT AMBASSADOR STRAUSS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT ASEAN CAPITALS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AS HE HAD PLANNED TO DO. HOLDRIDGE

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